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1. An upright vacuum cleaner comprising:
 - (a) a cleaning head for cleaning a surface;
 - (b) an upper body portion mounted on the cleaning head, the upper portion having a longitudinally extending axis and comprising:
 - (i) at least one cyclone having an air entry port; and,
 - (ii) a motor positioned above the at least one cyclone and in air flow communication with the at least one cyclone.
2. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cleaning head has a forward portion including an opening in air flow communication with the at least one cyclone and two spaced apart rear portions extending rearwardly from the forward portion, the spaced apart rear portions defining an open space therebetween, the upper body portion mounted on the cleaning head at a position forward of the spaced apart rear portions.
3. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 2 wherein the upper portion is positionable in a lowered in use position wherein the longitudinally extending axis is at an angle of 40° to the vertical and, when the upper body portion is in the lowered in use position, the centre of gravity of the upper body portion is positioned above the open space.
4. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 3 wherein the upper body portion further comprises a handle, the weight of the handle in the lowered in use position being 2 lbs. or less.

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5. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 3 wherein the spaced apart rear members have floor contacting members adjacent the ends thereof.

5 6. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 5 wherein the spaced apart rear members have floor contacting members positioned rearwardly of the centre of gravity when the upper body portion is in the lowered in use position.

10 7. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein the upper body portion is pivotally connected to the cleaning head whereby the upper body portion is moveable between an in use position in which the upper body portion extends upwardly and rearwardly from the cleaning head and a lowered storage position in which the upper body portion extends generally rearwardly from the cleaning head.

15 8. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 7 wherein the cleaning head has a forward portion and two spaced apart rear portions extending rearwardly from the forward portion, the upper body portion mounted on the cleaning head at a position forward of the spaced apart rear portions, the spaced apart rear portions defining on open space therebetween sized for receiving the upper body portion therebetween when the upper body portion is in the lowered storage position.

25 9. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 wherein the upper body portion further comprises a handle, the weight of the handle in the lowered in use position being 2 lbs. or less.

10. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a mounting member engageable with a support member mounted on

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a wall whereby the vacuum cleaner may be hung flush against the wall when the upper body portion is in the lowered storage position.

5 11. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a second cleaning member positioned downstream from the at least one cyclone.

10 12. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 11 further comprising an air outlet to the at least one cyclone for passage therethrough of air, the air passing generally upwardly from the air outlet to the motor.

13. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 12 wherein the second cleaning member is an electrostatic cleaning member.

15 14. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 11 wherein the second cleaning member is positioned between the at least one cyclone and the motor.

15. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 11 wherein the second cleaning member comprises at least one second cyclone.

16. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 11 wherein the second cleaning member comprises a plurality of second cyclones.

20 17. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 15 wherein the second cleaning member is positioned between the at least one cyclone and the motor, the vacuum cleaner further comprising an air outlet to the at least one cyclone and an air outlet to each of the at least one second cyclones, the air passing generally upwardly from the air
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and generally upwardly from the air outlet to the at least one second cyclones to the motor.

5 18. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 15 wherein the second cleaning member is positioned downstream of the motor, the vacuum cleaner further comprising an air outlet to the at least one cyclone, the air passing generally upwardly from the air outlet to the at least one cyclone to the motor and generally upwardly from motor to the at least one second cyclones.

10 19. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an air inlet to the at least one cyclone and an air supply conduit communicating with the cleaning head and with the air entry port, a portion of the air supply conduit extending longitudinally through the cyclone.

15 20. The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 19 wherein the air supply conduit connects to the air entry port other than through a 90° elbow.

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21. An upright vacuum cleaner comprising:

20 (a) a cleaning head for cleaning a surface having a forward portion and two spaced apart rear portions extending rearwardly from the forward portion;

25 (b) an upper body portion mounted on the cleaning head, the upper portion having a longitudinally extending axis and at least one cyclone having an air entry port, the upper body portion mounted on the cleaning head at a position forward of the spaced apart rear portions, the spaced apart rear portions defining an open space therebetween sized for receiving the upper body portion therebetween when the upper body portion is in the lowered storage position.

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